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*Easter
Sunday
at First Church*

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The Guibord Center presents Decoding Rituals and Symbols of Islam

Saturday, April 9 – 2-4PM – The Islamic Center of Southern California

Help us counter the hate, born of ignorance, that is aimed at the Muslim Community.

Participate in an informative and enlightening afternoon at the Mosque where you can learn about Islam for yourself. Bring a friend and be part of the solution! The Islamic Center of Southern California is located at 434 Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles 90020. The event will be followed by wine and cheese at the home of Laura and Fred Fregin. Please register online at www.TheGuibordCenter.org/events This event is offered at no charge and free will donations will be gratefully accepted at the Islamic Center.

SUMMER 2016 AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Kaleidoscope of the Spirit

THE SUMMER OF 2016 is going to be an important one that will be full of wonderful opportunities for growth and renewal, not only for the congregation of First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, but for our Senior Minister as well. After eight years in his role, Dr. R. Scott Colglazier will be taking a three-month sabbatical. During this time, our congregation will experience a *Kaleidoscope of the Spirit* as we welcome some of the most dynamic religious leaders from around the country to offer fresh perspectives and new insights on our own faith journey.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR GUEST SPEAKERS THIS SUMMER:

JUNE 5

Father Greg Boyle

Homeboy Industries, Los Angeles

Father Boyle is a dynamic religious leader whose work with gang members in Los Angeles has received national attention.

JUNE 12

Dr. Richard Wing

First Community Church of Columbus, Ohio

Dr. Wing leads one of the most significant Protestant churches in the country.

JUNE 19

Rev. Nancy Taylor

Old South Church of Boston, Massachusetts

Rev. Taylor serves one of the most historic churches in the country.

JUNE 26

Dr. Jonathan Talberg

First Congregational Church of Los Angeles

Music Celebration Sunday

JULY 3

Rev. Dr. Amy K. Butler

The Riverside Church of New York City

The Riverside Church has often been called the Cathedral of American Protestantism. Rev. Dr. Butler is the new minister of this prestigious church.

JULY 10

Rev. Shanna Steitz

Community Christian Church, Kansas City, Missouri

No stranger to First Church, Rev. Steitz, along with her husband Ryan, was a beloved associate minister in our congregation. The entire Steitz family is planning to be in worship with us on this day.

JULY 17

Dr. Ronald Allen

Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana

JULY 24

Rev. J. Lee Hill

Christian Fellowship Congregational Church, San Diego, California

Rev. Hill is one of the most dynamic, young African-American preachers in the country.

JULY 31

Rev. Jose Morales

Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, California

AUGUST 7

Scott Carter

Playwright/Producer

AUGUST 14

Bishop Yvette Flunder

City of Refuge Church, Oakland, CA
Bishop Flunder is a dynamic speaker and minister, and as an African-American/ Lesbian theologian, she is creating a profound ministry in the Bay Area of San Francisco.

Looking Ahead!

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Participate!

This Month at First Church

Every Week at First Church

- 8:15AM Cathedral Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30AM Adult Education: Seekers Class
No class today; class resumes April 3
- 9:30AM First Kids First: Childcare
Room 208, off the small playground
- 10:15AM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30AM Prelude on The Great Organs
- 11:00AM Worship Service
- 11:15AM First Kids First (K-5th grade)
Stuart Hall, 1st floor
- 12:15PM Coffee Fellowship

Prelude on
The Great Organs
Every Sunday at 10:30AM



Holy Communion

Every Sunday after service on
The Chancel. All are welcome!



All the Questions You Ever Wanted to Ask About God, Faith and Religion
April 17 – 11AM – Worship Service

Have you ever listened to a sermon and wanted to ask a question about the topic, or another aspect of your faith? On April 17, you'll have your chance! Dr. Colglazier's "sermon" that day will be a free-wheeling exploration of any question you've ever wanted to ask about God, faith and religion. Start thinking of your question and join us for what promises to be a very interesting Sunday.



Book Club

*Literature appreciation
for those who love to read*

April 10 – 12:30PM – Barnum Room

It's BYOB – Bring Your Own Book – Sunday!
Bring a book you've been reading to share with the group. Inspire others and be inspired!

Seekers Class

Life From Death: Resurrection Stories
Sundays, April 3 through May 8 at 9:30AM
Founders Room

Beginning April 3, the Seekers class will begin a new six-week study series. We'll consider some of the stories about Christ's resurrection and what they reveal about his power to bring life from death. Readings will include passages from Luke, John, Acts, and the Gospel of Mary, as well as selections from *The Trouble with Resurrection: From Paul to the Fourth Gospel* by Bernard Brandon Scott (handouts will be available).

Poetry Sunday

Mary Oliver, American Poet

Sunday, April 24 – 11AM – Worship Service

Mary Oliver (b. 1935) is known for her poignant observances of the natural world which she connects



to the spiritual and the sacred. Join us on April 24 as we celebrate Poetry Sunday and the work of Mary Oliver.

Conversations of Faith

May Boeve,
World's Leading
Climate Change Activist

Sunday, May 1 – 11AM – Worship Service

May Boeve, 350.org's executive director and a leading voice for the green movement, will join Dr. Colglazier for this important dialogue on May 1.

2016 Easter Lily Dedications



THE BEAUTIFUL EASTER LILIES IN THE SANCTUARY ARE DEDICATED:

In loving memory of my mother, Mrs. Ameenah Shakir, by Herman Millholland ♡ In loving memory of my grandmother, Mrs. Blanche M. Millholland, by Herman Millholland ♡ In loving memory of Caroline Macomber ♡ In loving memory of my wonderful mom, Jane, by Bonnie Webber ♡ In celebration of Millicent Cecilia Jane Canning, by her grandmother, Millicent Johns ♡ In honor of his parents, David and Gladys Leona Best Ward, by Judge Robert. E Ward ♡ In honor and celebration of Minister Mary Elizabeth Ward, by her son, John Marvin Spaulding II, and by her brother, Judge Robert E. Ward ♡ In celebration of his sister, Bernice Ward, on the occasion of her 60th birthday, by Judge Robert E. Ward ♡ In memory of his brothers, David L. Ward and Waddell Ward, and his sisters, Beulah M. King, Earnestine Ward-Maxwell, and Annie L. Ward Walker, by their brother, Judge Robert E. Ward ♡ In honor of Lee A. Holland, by Mary Holland ♡ In Honor of My Loving Parents, by Dana Shockley ♡ In loving memory of my sister, Nella Hopkins, by Sally Ross ♡ In loving memory of Aluin Ozaki, by Diane Kanner ♡ In honor of our grandparents, by Evan and Alyson Nicholas ♡ In loving memory of my sister Caroline, by Mary Shallman ♡ With gratitude for all my caring friends, by Aurora Bahou ♡ In loving memory of Maxine Battjes ♡ In loving memory of my grandfather, F. Allan Hofmann, who finally got to pass on after seven painful years of suffering with Alzheimers, by Holly Hofmann ♡ In loving memory of Anthony and Arlene Galetich, by their daughter, Claudia Galetich ♡ In honor of Claudia Galetich, with love from her four grandchildren, Elizabeth, Olivia, Joseph, and Anthony Baur ♡ In loving memory of Robert Meng, by his daughter Catie Baur ♡ In honor of our granddaughter, Breanna Wheeler, as she graduates from high school as one of the top students in her class, by Nan & Stowell Werden ♡ In loving memory of Trevor Leahy, by Mary McInerney ♡ In celebration of John McInerney, by Mary McInerney ♡ In celebration of 149 Easters at First Church, by Roger Ipswitch ♡ In thanksgiving for the promise of eternal life, by Michael and Donna Locke. ♡ In loving memory of our nonna, Raffaella Mancuso, by the Hogenboom-Mancuso family ♡ In loving memory of my sister, Connie Cooper, by Barbara Kremins ♡ In loving memory of my parents, Irene Battles and John Kenourgios, by Eugene C. Kenourgios ♡ In loving memory of my parents, Minnie and Leonard Whittenberg, by Eugene C. Kenourgios ♡ In loving memory of Mary Callander, by David Callander ♡ In loving memory of our parents, by Paul and Haydee Cummings ♡ In loving memory of Arlene Conley, by Steve, Renee, Esme, and Lulu Gregoropoulos ♡ In loving memory of Ronald Bissonnette by Chris, Angela, and Dixie Bissonnette ♡ In celebration of Seamus Scott Lelliott, by his Aunt Aunt Sammi ♡ In honor of Marjorie Hill, by her grandson, Finn Hill ♡ In honor of Ken Preston, by Bronwyn Preston and Finn Hill ♡ In honor of Marc Preston, by Bronwyn Preston and Finn Hill ♡ In honor of beloved Christina Weigmann ♡ In loving memory of Alba Martinez, by Jason Malone ♡ In Loving memory of Ned Collins, by Jason Malone ♡ In loving memory of Eliza Beth Malone, by Jason Malone ♡ In loving memory of Thomas Wong, Mayme Wong, and Balfour Wong, by Suzanne Wong ♡ In Memory of Bobby Salcedo, a great friend, educator, and mentor, by Charity Tran ♡ In memory of my father, Dr. Robert. L. Bailey, by Barbara Bailey Wilson ♡ In loving memory of Marjorie Palmer, by George Palmer ♡ In loving memory of Patrick Miller, by Nancy Miller ♡ In loving memory of Kathryn Rowley, by George Palmer ♡ In loving memory of Eunice McCullough, by Nancy Miller ♡

Let the promise of Easter be with us all every day. Risen indeed!



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